DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) 300 Bulk Milk Vending Booths and 318 Insulated Containers of Mother Dairy were in operation in Delhi/New Delhi as on 31st May, 1988.

(b) Currently, about 6 lakh litres of milk on an average per day is being distributed through these Bulk Milk Vending Booths and Insulated Containers.

(c) During vending hours, any consumer, whether he is a resident of the area or not, can draw milk from Mother Dairy Bulk Milk Vending Booths upto a maximum of 3-1/2 litres on first-cum-first served basis. However, some of the Institutions/Organisations draw milk against specific permit from the booths in bulk for their own use, after vending hours.

(d) and (e) No such complaints have been received by Mother Dairy during the last three months.

Oilseeds production in Andhra Pradesh Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

2661. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any immediate incentive schemes to boost oilseeds production in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu taking into considertion their more than 40 per cent contribution in National Oilseeds production; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) are in operation in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for the development of oilseeds. Under these schemes, various incentives by way of financial assistance is provided to the States for critical inputs like quality seed, plant protection measures, improved farm implements, calcium sulphate application, rhizobium culture large sized demonstrations, sprinkler sets etc. in order to include the farmers to take up oilseeds cultivation on large scale.

Safeguards for traditional fishermen

2662. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to safeguard the interests of traditional fishermen in view of the Government's policy to introduce more and more mechanised boats and trawlers into the industry; and

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to ensure fair prices to such fishermen reduction of post hasvest losses and modernisation of the harbours used by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Based on the Model Bill circulated by the Central Government maritime States/Union Territories except Gujarat and West Bengal and Union Territories of Pondicherry, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have enacted Marine Fishing Regulation Act or passed Executive Order to regulate marine fishing in the territorial waters. According to this Act/Executive Order, operation of mechanised boats and trawlers is banned in the area from the shore upto some distance which varies in different States.

(b) To help obtain traditional fishermen better prices for their fish catch and to reduce post harvest losses in fish Government have sanctioned two schemes namely (a) Setting up of Fishery Industrial Estates and (b) Provision of Landing and Berthing facilities for fishing craft at Minor Ports. So far, 3 Fishery Industrial Estates and 102 fish landing centres have been sanctioned. Fishermen Cooperatives and State Fisheries Corporations are also encouraged to take up fish marketing.